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SUBJECT: VATICAN STATEMENT ON SECRETARY-POPE MEETING

DEPARTMENT PASS WHITE HOUSE FOR ZEIGLER AND GENERAL SCOWCROFT

MUNICH PASS TO AMBASSADOR ANDERSON FROM LODGE

AS SECRETARY'S PAPAL AUDIENCE WAS "PRIVATE" NO COMMUNIQUE
WAS ISSUED, BUT VATICAN PRESS OFFICE HAS RELEASED FOLLOWING
"VERBAL ANNOUNCEMENT";

QUOTE: INFORMATION ON THE VISIT OF MR. KISSINGER TO THE
HOLY FATHER

TALKS BEGAN AT 9:30 A.M. AND CONCLUDED AT ABOUT 10:40A.M.
PARTICIPANTS WERE, FOR THE HOLY SEE, MSGR. AGOSTINO CASAROLI
AND WITH MR. KISSINGER, AMBASSADOR HENRY CABOT LODGE (MSGR. RIGALI
OF THE SECRETARIAT OF STATE INTERPRETED).

AT 10:40 A.M. SEVERAL PERSONS WHO ACCOMPANIED THE SECRETARY
OF STATE WERE PRESENTED, AMONG WHOM MR. ILLING, ASSISTANT TO
AMBASSADOR LODGE.

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THE POPE GAVE GREETING AND SEVERAL PHOTOGRAPHS WERE

TAKEN.

IN THE OPEN AND CORDIAL DISCUSSIONS, THE SECRETARY OF STATE INFORMED THE HOLY FATHER BROADLY ON THE MAJOR PROBLEMS RELATIVE TO PEACE IN THE WORLD WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE MIDDLE EAST AND CONVERSATIONS HELD IN MOSCOW IN THE LAST FEW DAYS BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND SOVIET LEADERS.

THE POPE EXPRESSED HIS SPECIAL APPRECIATION FOR THE UNITED STATES' INITIATIVES AND THE EFFORTS WHICH MR. KISSINGER PERSONALLY IS UNDERTAKING IN THE SERVICE OF PEACE. HE MADE KNOWN SEVERAL POINTS ON VIEW OF THE HOLY SEE AND ENCOURAGED THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO PERSIST IN ITS EFFORTS IN SPITE OF NUMEROUS AND GRAVE DIFFICULTIES. JULY 6, 1974 11:30 A.M. UNQUOTE
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